

# Charles City Devastated

## Storms (Continued)

at which first services were to be Sunday.

The Red Cross estimates 60 per cent of Charles City is damaged with 90 businesses and city offices wrecked or destroyed. In addition there were some 2,000 homes blown apart in a 105 square block area.

**Looters Hit**

Looting was a problem at Charles City until authorities sealed off the downtown area Wednesday night.

The sheriff's office reported "the thieves were at it" not more than 20 minutes after the twister hit this city 50 miles northwest of Waterloo.

By mid-evening, however, law officers and National Guardsmen from Mason City were keeping everyone out of the city unless on official business and bringing specific aid and equipment.

**Streets Clogged**

All three communities were trying to open streets Thursday that were clogged by trees and utility poles knocked down in the early summer storm that came on the heels of a warm, humid day.

With the limitation of traffic, few vehicles were moving in the stricken towns Thursday morning except utility, official and National Guard vehicles.

Electrical power was out all night in Charles City and telephone service was limited to emergency use only. The telephone building's roof was torn off and plastic was used to cover the switching equipment so emergency batteries could operate the center on a limited basis.

Amateur radio operators and short-wave radios in official cars was the only sure method of communication in Charles City through a dark night that saw the threat of a water shortage.

Floyd County Memorial Hospital at Charles City overflowed with injured a short time after the twister struck. Others were taken to hospitals in other cities.

**Hospital Overflows**

Oelwein's injured quickly overflowed Mercy Hospital and scores were taken to hospitals in such communities as Independence, Waterloo and Iowa City. Doctors, nurses and blood were flown in from as far away as Minneapolis.

Emergency crews were called from throughout northeast Iowa to help restore power and telephone service in the devastated communities.

Jim Black, a sports writer for the Oelwein Daily Register, said the funnel moved through the center of the city and then into a residential area.

"I saw the roof of the Masonic Temple lift right up and float away," he declared. "I dove underneath a bush and hung on for dear life."

One Oelwein woman, Mrs. Grace Damon, was killed when she was struck by a falling chimney.

Another fatality was one of the four children of the Gordon Kelleys of Maynard.

**Found Wife, Child**

Kelly, working in a field a block from his home, returned to find his house leveled and his pregnant wife and one of his children lying unconscious nearby. The child was taken to an Iowa City Hospital but died. His wife is in serious condition at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Mayor Mazzio said the city Oelwein may be down, but not out.

At Oelwein, Mayor Mazzio declared: "This town will come back. I'm going to urge all businessmen to rebuild."

Dean Meyer, an engineer with Radio Station KOEL in Oelwein, was broadcasting a tornado warning when the funnel struck. "God help me!" he cried as the station tower came crashing down. He was not injured.

**'Freight Train'**

At Charles City, John Ruzicka of Des Moines, an area superintendent for Western Electric Co., was walking out the back door of the telephone

# Oelwein.

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located immediately behind the laundromat, to find his crew's nearly-completed work on the Sacred Heart Catholic Church a shambles.

Father Kaufmann was in the church when the huge stained-glass window on the south side of the building collapsed. He was uninjured.

As the funnel continued on Hwy. 150, it damaged virtually every business in the downtown shopping area of Oelwein.

Billy Murray of Atkins was in Room 431, on the top floor of the Grand Hotel, when the funnel hit.

"I was in the hotel, just getting ready to take a shower when I noticed the sky getting pretty black," Murray said. "So, I put my clothes on in case I had to get out."

**Suction Pulls Out**

"Then it hit, and I got in a closet. Then I tried to get out of the closet but the door wouldn't open. Pretty soon I was sucked out of the closet by the storm."

Murray's room was ripped open, the entire wall torn away and the bathtub sitting solitary in the bathroom. Murray was treated for a cut in the center of his forehead at Mercy Hospital in Oelwein.

Murray was one of hundreds of people to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

Because the elevator was without power, ambulance attendants had to carry the tornado victims one, two or three flights of stairs to be treated.

Several persons were taken to the hospital suffering from heart attacks.

Patients on stretchers, nurses, doctors, priests, ministers, photographers and ambulance attendants made the halls nearly impassable.

**Many Transferred**

Many were transferred to People's Hospital in Independence, and later to Waterloo hospitals, when Mercy was filled to capacity. At 8:50 p.m., a Hazleton woman had counted 31 ambulances going south towards Independence.

Without power at first, hospital staff members had to treat patients on the third and fourth floors in darkness, with only the thin beams of flashlights to work by.

All beds in the hospital were full. The emergency drive was crisscrossed with ambulances and police cars.

Power and telephone lines snapped along the streets and draped from poles, causing invisible traffic hazards until the vehicle was nearly upon the wires. Residents walked through the streets with stricken, unbelieving expressions.

Response to the disaster was quick and numerous.

Sister Mary Marriene at Mercy Hospital commented, "I didn't have to call anybody to come in and help. They just came voluntarily. We had plenty of help."

"Their response to the disaster was wonderful."

The Iowa Highway Patrol ordered 64 men into Oelwein in a few hours, under the command of Lt. Stanley C. Kuch of Oelwein's District 10 headquarters.

"There was terrific cooperation," Lt. Kuch said.

"Our main objective was to keep traffic out of the downtown area after the volunteer crews had made the streets and highway passable. Highway and out-of-town traffic was re-routed on gravel roads around town."

"Routes to the hospital were cleared within an hour."

"Within two and a half hours, crews had searched each block and each house in Oelwein for casualties."

"We had volunteer workers by the thousands."

At the Northwestern Bell Telephone Office, Lynn Kellogg, central office foreman, and his crew, went to work immediately in furnishing service and trying to restore blocked lines.

**Lines Open**

"We always had lines to Waterloo," Kellogg said, "but they were busy all the time with calls for blood and assistance."

"About a mile east of Raymond, a bolt holding a cable snapped and went completely through the cable like an arrow. This caused the biggest problem."

Within an hour, Fayette County trucks with blades were shoving the shattered glass and debris to the side of main street for loaders to scoop into dump trucks.

Merchants were busy boarding up open store fronts with sheets of finished and unfinished plywood. Some of the wood was brought from Waterloo to meet the demand.

Police departments, fire departments and volunteers from throughout Northeast Iowa rushed to aid the stricken town. All Oelwein units of the National Guard and one unit from Waterloo, totalling about 300 men, were called to the town.

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# Eye Direct Israel, Jordan Talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Peace-maker Gunnar V. Jarring apparently hopes to bring Israel and Jordan together for face-to-face talks in the first major breakthrough of his six-month-old mission, usually reliable political informants said Thursday.

Jarring apparently has no such hope regarding a similar confrontation between Israel and Egypt, these sources said.

The Swedish diplomat now is in New York to pursue his peace mission at the United Nations.

Israel's stand that only direct talks can bring peace to the region still remains in effect, the sources said. They expressed belief Egypt still objects to Jordan's entering direct peace talks with Israel, but that this stand may be softening.

"Israel has not discussed any territorial issues with Jarring," the informants said.

Israel has repeatedly declared that there can be no talk of withdrawal from territories occupied in last June's Middle East war until the Arabs meet Israelis at the bargaining table in direct talks.

# Early Ancestor Of Man Used Stone Hammer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A National Geographic Society scientist has unearthed evidence an ancestor of man was using a crude stone hammer 10 million years earlier than man himself had been thought to be using any tools.

The society said Wednesday Dr. Louis S. B. Leakey, famed British anthropologist found evidence at Fort Ternan, Kenya, that the man-like creature "Kenyanthropus wickeri" apparently hammered open animal skulls and bones with the stone hammer 12 million years ago.

Leakey had discovered some years ago at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania remains of the two-million-year-old "Homo Habilis," a direct ancestor of man which long was believed to be the earth's first toolmaker.

But the society quoted Leakey as saying the new discovery indicates the prehuman creature was using tools in the Pliocene period, 12 million years ago.

**LIST OF INJURED**

A list of the injured as reported by Waterloo hospitals include:

St. Francis: Nina Hicks, 54, Oelwein, condition unreported.

Schoitz Memorial: Mrs. Winifred Joyce, 71, Oelwein, injury to left arm, no condition report.

Allen Memorial: Mrs. Leroy (Carmen) Major, 28, Oelwein, fair condition, injuries not reported.

Dawn Major, 6, Oelwein, fair condition.

Mrs. Anna Steege, 77, Maynard, fair condition with chest injuries, laceration of hand and shock.

Mrs. Geraldine Kelly, 28, Maynard, in intensive care ward and in serious condition, multiple injuries.

Gordon Kelly, 28, Maynard, treated and released.

Dale Streitmatter, 41, Oelwein, listed in satisfactory condition.

David Schlader, 33, Marble Rock, intensive care, serious condition, laceration of left foot and scalp laceration.

Mrs. Diane Libert, Oelwein, 25, treated and released, eye injury from flying glass.

If you didn't read it in the Daily Courier, it didn't happen!

# THE DAILY RECORD IN BRIEF

**The Weather**

IOWA: Variable cloudiness through Friday. A little cooler Thursday night with a chance of scattered frost northwest and extreme north. Continued cool Friday.

**WATERLOO TEMPERATURES**

Wednesday's high (official) ..... 44  
Wednesday's low (official) ..... 21  
High year ago ..... 49  
Low year ago ..... 23  
Thursday 7 a.m. (official) ..... 33  
Thursday 9 a.m. (official) ..... 37  
Thursday 11 a.m. (official) ..... 44  
Thursday 1 p.m. (official) ..... 46  
Wind (official) ..... 26-35  
Precipitation (official) ..... .13  
Sunrise (Friday) ..... 5:46  
Sunset ..... 8:27

La Crosse 5.6, rise 4  
Lansing 7.9, rise 2  
Dom No. 4 13.7, rise 5  
McGregor 7.1, rise 3  
Guttenberg 5.1, rise 3  
Dubuque 8.2, rise 3  
Capekirk 6.1, rise 1 foot  
Keokuk 2.9, fall .2

**2 Astronauts  
Ailing, One  
Is Grounded**

SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — A sinus condition has grounded one astronaut indefinitely and a bone fracture has temporarily halted training for another. National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said Wednesday.

Astronaut John S. Bull, 33, a Navy lieutenant commander, has been grounded, they said, because of a sinus condition which "has not responded to treatment."

A scientist-astronaut, Dr. Robert A. R. Parker, 31, suffered a fracture of the coccyx, the bone on the end of the spine, during a parachute exercise at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. The injury is not considered serious.

**Boy, 6,  
Didn't Think  
He Was Poor**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dorothy Williams, one of 123 persons on a three-bus caravan to the Poor People's march on Washington, says she couldn't convince her 6-year-old son that they belonged there.

"I'm not poor," said the boy, Christopher, when Mrs. Williams awakened him Wednesday.

"I told him, 'yes, you are, too,'" said his mother, who is on relief.

**3-Month U.S.  
Strike Cost  
Hits New High**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department says strikes in the first three months of 1968 cost the nation's economy 9.9 million man-days of working time, the highest first-quarter figure in 18 years.

There were 1,130 strikes involving 573,000 workers during the period, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Wednesday.

Major strikes during the three months affected the copper industry, longshoremen in Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia, public schools in Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C., and the glass container industry, the bureau's report said.

**GETS CINCINNATI POST**

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — City Council named Richard L. Krabach, state finance director since 1963, as city manager Wednesday at a \$40,000 annual salary.

**Sailor Told  
He's Too Old  
At Age 32**

HAYS, KAN. (AP) — Chief Petty Officer Wayne Groff was surprised Wednesday to learn he is too old for military service. Groff, 32, is stationed with the Navy at Bainbridge, Md., and has been in the service 10 years.

While visiting his mother here on leave he received a letter from his draft board telling him he will not be called up because of his age.

**Cedar Rapids Man  
Drowns at Park**

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Thomas Darling, 21, of Cedar Rapids, drowned while swimming with two friends Wednesday in the Cedar River at Palisades Kepler State Park, about 15 miles southeast of here.

Officers said he slipped under the water after apparently developing cramps. The body was found in about 10 feet of water.

**Escape Serious Injury**

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